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Human Rights Commission Minutes 02/15/2006

In Attendance: Sheri Baron, Christine Carney, Victoria Cohen, Mahendra Desai, Christine Deshler, A. Nick Minton, Nancy Rhoads, Marlene Schultz, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney

Absent:

Marlissa Briggett, Anisha Desai, Arif Khan

Minutes for December 21st – accepted

Minutes for January accepted with corrections

Citizens Open Forum - Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project - expected guest was unavailable this evening

Incidents and Complaints - none reported this month

Sub-Committee Reports

Discussion continued on the "Every Day Hero Award"

- Christine Carney and Sheri Baron will work on that

Nancy Sweeney spoke of Ali Noorani, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition and recommended him as a good candidate for a forum - there was discussion regarding illegal immigrants in Massachusetts - Nancy will follow up with Jim Marzilli.

Bill Shea is following up with Michael Thompson to have him conduct a bullying session at Ottoson Middle School

Vita Cohen and Bill Shea met with Janice Bakey and Anne LeCourt and brought Commission up to date regarding hate mail incident - suggested that the clergy in town be included in discussions so as to make their congregations aware of the problem and how distasteful it is - Vita will draft a letter and have meeting in May - the Commission voted to support Vita's actions regarding this hate mail

Discussion and action to coordinate book event to be held March 9th
on Inge: A Girl's Journey Through Nazi Europe

Other Business -

Anisha Desai has sent a letter of resignation to the Commission, effective immediately

Next meeting – March 15th at 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson Cutter House

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